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EGM SPANS THE GLOBE!

One of our main goals here at EGM is to put out a magazine which contains the most current video game information in the country. Our foreign correspondents have been able to supply us with the very latest info from Japan, but the video game industry is changing. In the past, the majority of games came from Japan but now a larger percentage of software is being developed in England, France and Germany. Accordingly, we are now expanding our International coverage to include software from these countries.

Also, ever since we became the authoritative source for games in the U.S., other magazines from around the world have come to us asking for permission to reprint information from EGM in their magazine. That gave us an idea. Why not create a worldwide network of game magazines? Information would be traded between magazines and everybody would benefit! After several months of meetings between the best game magazines in the world, the World Net™ was formed. If you liked what we did in the past, wait till you see what we can do, now that we span the globe!

Another change that you may have noticed in EGM is the running of special insert publications. We have just set up a separate division here at Sendai called the Contract Publishing Group. This group will be solely responsible for the creation of the inserts which you will see here in EGM and in other publications. These inserts will highlight and describe specific products from different companies in the game industry. To avoid any confusion these inserts are advertisements, and they are paid for by the respective companies. However, they are more than just ads. Since they are prepared by people who know games, these inserts will be informative. They will show and describe all the products of the respective companies. A good example of this is the Atari Lynx insert. It shows you everything you ever wanted to know about the Lynx. It gives you an insight, with pictures, of all the new games coming out in the near future. It is something that you would want to pick up and read. And, from the letters we have received, it appears that you like these kind of ads. More are scheduled to run in the upcoming months. Check them out and drop us a note as to what you think.

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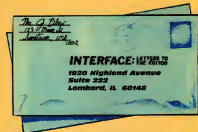
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SEGA CD-ROM UPDATE!

I think your mag is terrific! You always have the most up to date info on all the game systems. I own them all and my favorite is the Genesis.

I've noticed that on the bottom right of the system is a small compartment that says "Do not remove". Is this where the soon to come CD-ROM will attach to the system? Also I've seen several different versions of what this awesome CD-ROM may look like. You would really make my day if you would track down what this really looks like. How much will it cost? What games will be coming out for it? And show a lot of photos!

Jon Stickel
Huntington Beach, CA

I'm totally addicted to your mag! How you constantly have the most current info is beyond me, but keep it up. I especially loved your Genesis CD-ROM coverage. About this I have a few questions. What is its release date? Price range? Also, what game will come with it?

John Mason
Rhineland, WI

I've got three burning questions I need to ask you about the Genesis CD-ROM! Can it play music CD's? Can it play Turbo CD's? What is the earliest I can buy it?

Jake Lenington
Rush City, MN

(Ed. Ever since we broke the news of this super peripheral way back in

Electronic Gaming Monthly

issue 15 last year, questions have been pouring in by the hundreds each and every month. Information has been very hard to come by but on June 6th at Tokyo Toy Show, Sega officially unveiled this super peripheral to the public. Of course EGM was there and we came back with lots of photos, a complete set of specs and a long list of new CD-games! Don't miss our special

EG Express in this issue. Also look for an in depth article in the July/August issue of Mega Play!



The Sega CD-ROM is coming to Japan this Fall!

NEO-GEO PRICE CUTS!

The Neo-Geo looks like a great machine! I would love to buy it but it is just too expensive. Do you know if they are going to reduce the price in the near future to make it more affordable to us normal players?

Anthony Stephens
Talbot, TX

I heard rumors that SNK is having problems in Japan and that nobody is buying the system over there. There is talk about a big price cut in the system and software. Is this true?

William Taff
Pittsburgh, PA

SNK is claiming that their NEO-GEO is a 24 bit system. How can this be? I thought that it uses a 68000 processor. So then it must be a 16 bit system. It also has a Z80 but isn't that their audio chip. Can you set the record straight.

Dwight Thornton
Ankeny, IA

(Ed. While we can't confirm whether the NEO-GEO is having problems in Japan, I can say from my discussions about the system with store owners in Tokyo that it is not selling very fast. The software is extremely limited and more than one copy of the game is seldom seen in the stores. The price reductions you mentioned are true! As of July 1, 1991 the system price has been reduced from \$425 to \$360. Game prices have been slashed by more than 50%! Nam 75 is about \$100 and the big memory games are about \$155! As to whether the U.S. will follow suit SNK would not comment.

Calling the NEO-GEO a 24 bit system is misleading. Two processors can be added together only if they are working in parallel. The only instance (so far) is the new Sega CD-ROM as it has it's own (and faster) 68000 chip which will handle the scaling, rotation and other specialized functions.)

PANTHER IS DEAD!

First of all, I think your magazine is great. I really like how you always get the scoop on the other guys. You were the first to tell us about the Genesis, Super Famicom, Neo-Geo and Panther. Anything new to report on the latter? One mag ran the specs.

Brian Ausberry
Newton, PA

(Ed. We are sad to report that the Panther is an extinct species. Atari has killed the project in favor of a new one code named Jaguar. Would you believe two big 68000 processors running in parallel!

Your second point has a bit of irony to it Brian. By the time others finally get around to publishing the specs, the system is already dead!)



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WHAT DETERMINES MAGAZINE SIZE?

I've noticed that the sizes of all the magazines seem to go in cycles. Starting in September they all get larger, and get up to about 200 pages in December. Then they taper off when in summer they are barely 100 pages. What determines the magazine size, as if it were up to me, and a lot of my friends, we would like to see them at 200 pages all year round. Your mag seems to be getting thicker. Any reason?

Charles Bogden
Austin, TX

(Ed. You bring up a good point Charles and it is one which we get a lot of mail on. Magazine size is primarily determined by the number of companies which will run ads in any particular issue. A reasonable ratio which we go by is 50-50. That is for each ad there will be at least one page of editorial. Most respectable magazines normally go by a ratio close to this. Those who run at ratios with a lot of pages and very few ads are walking on thin ice. As the holidays approach the companies have more games to sell and they advertise more. That is why you'll see thicker books around Christmas. During the summer many companies trim back their ad pages as they have fewer games to sell.

Here at EGM we have been doing OK. Our book has been running around 132 pages during the summer while others have dropped to 100 pages or less. A count of the advertisers in any particular issue is a fair indication as to how well that magazine is doing in the eyes of the game companies. Ads aren't cheap and these companies want to get the best value (circulation vs. cost) for their money. It all boils down to the most popular mags getting the most advertisers. We believe that as the holidays approach you will see EGM running multiple insert books, posters, etc. and easily exceeding 200 pages and possible even be the first book to go beyond 300! We can't wait!

WHERE ARE...??

In past issues you talked about games like Cal. 50, Galaxy Force, and OutRun. I've been saving money for these games but so far I haven't seen them in the stores. What happened?

Bob Kaczmarczyk
Calumet City, IL

I've noticed that you have a habit of mentioning certain games in one issue of your magazine and then we never hear about them again. Why do you do that? What ever happened to Mercs, Vapor Trail and Dando?

Tom Bradley
Topeka, KS

(Ed. When we run info from other magazines in our WorldNet™ we are giving you everything that is available in the world! Companies many time will release a few pictures of a future game to make a general announcement that they are working on that title. Months may pass before anything else is announced and while it seems like an eternity, especially if you are seriously interested in a particular title, eventually the company follows up on that game. Such was the case with Cal. 50, Galaxy Force, Out Run, Mercs, Vapor Trail and Dando. We caught wind of them some time ago while in Japan and just now are we seeing anything solid about these games. The fact is our sources are reliable and it is just a matter of time before they appear in the U.S. Check our CES report and Tokyo Toy Show article for the latest on all of the games mentioned.)

CES ATTENDANCE??

You keep talking about the Consumer Electronics Shows. I would like to go to one as it would be great to see all of the new games. How can I go about getting in?

Frank Klupp
San Francisco, CA

(Ed. Sorry Frank, these shows are limited to the people whose work is directly related to the industry.)



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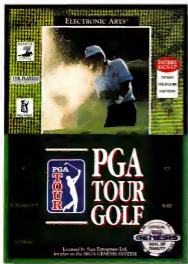
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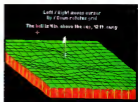


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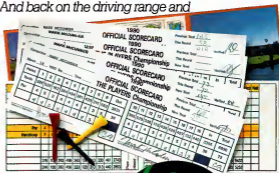
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- 10 = Perfect
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- 8 = Excellent
- 7 = Very Good
- 6 = Above Average
- 5 = Average
- 4 = Fair
- 3 = Poor

STEVE

The main dude in charge has just returned from a special screening of Terminator 2! Don't worry, he's back to work - look for a new Super NES mag soon!

ED

Ed's back from Tokyo Toy Show with a suitcase full of new carts. His favorite is Super R-Type by Irem. All we hear him say is how great the Mega CD-ROM was.

MARTIN

Martin is really getting involved with the Super NES. It's all he plays and it's hard to get him to put the controller down. It's a battle between him and Ed for Super R-Type.

SUSHI-X

Sushi-X made an appearance at the Tokyo Toy Show to help us get around in Japan. After the show he took us to his favorite arcades where he is now.

Super Nintendo - Nintendo Super Mario Bros. 4

Type: Action Release: Sept
Levels: 96 Difficulty: Ave



King Koopa's back! This time he's kidnapped the princess and hidden her away in his underground fortress! Travel through 96 areas of action to reach her, fighting Koopa soldiers and Goombas all along the way. King Koopa's Family is helping him, however, so Mario and Luigi have their hands full! Luckily, they are not alone in their quest. Four different Koopa-eating Dinosaurs are ready to help. Go Mario!

While Super Mario World may not be the ideal cart to show off all the fancy things that the Super NES can do, it is a solid continuation of the Mario series. Even more secrets, hidden games, special moves and great game play can be found, with the addition of 16-Bit looks. A winner!

Easily the best Mario adventure yet but I had hoped that Nintendo would do more with the game than just make another Mario adventure. This should show off the system's capabilities but there just aren't enough special effects when compared to other S-NES games.

Super Mario 4 is the biggest and most fun to play game ever! Each level has something totally new! You would think after 3 sequels that the big 'N' would suffer from idea burn-out. Almost perfect, but then again no game is perfect. I'll take 96 levels of Mario over 20 of Sonic any day!

Here you have it! The ultimate Mario adventure! Super Mario World is a perfect subtitle, with 96 areas to explore! Everything just plain blew me away! Only one game in this genre rates higher in my book, but since tens are impossible, Sonic will have to share the same rating.

Super Nintendo - Konami Gradius III

Type: Shoot Release: Sept
Levels: 11 Difficulty: Ave



The Vic Viper is on the call once more! Another hot sequel created just for the Super Nintendo, Gradius 3 offers larger end bosses, longer levels, and more objects on screen at once! The Vic Viper itself is now equipped with even more types of weapons and power ups, like the ultra-powerful Megacrush!! Pound through 11 dihard levels to reach the final confrontation with the alien boss!

Gradius 3 uses the 16-Bit power of the Super NES by increasing the detail of the landscapes and enemies (especially the Bosses which fill the screen), by adding stereo sound and incorporating some conventional play that is pocketed with flicker. This detracts, but the game remains good.

One of the better shooters for the new system. Though it slows down when the action gets intense the game does get better in the last two rounds. Great music when piped through a stereo. Definitely one of the games to buy when you get the system.

My favorite series of shooters has finally gone 16-Bit. The graphics are truly an upgrade to the NES versions and the music is very cool. Tons of cool new weapons to use. The game lacks intensity and seems only to pick up in the later rounds. A very good shooter, but not the best.

Definitely, Gradius III is one of the best shooters to hit the shelves, and I recommend it to shooter fans, but I am sorely disappointed by the slow-down and flicker! Otherwise, the music is excellent and the graphics are great. Unfortunately, I always found myself reaching for Gaiarses...

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Super Nintendo - Nintendo F Zero

Type: Race Release: Sept
Levels: 7 Difficulty: Ave



Ready for a race through time? Take a trip to the future of racing and play F Zero, the first racing cartridge for the Super Nintendo! Utilizing the awesome Mode 7 graphics, F Zero promises and delivers a driving experience not to be missed! Pick from four different hovercrafts, each featuring special abilities, ranging from speed, control, and acceleration! F Zero is the future of racing!

This is a really cool use of the scrolling and scaling that the Super NES can do in Mode 7. The content here is top-class, put in good use in addition to making the game look great. Good play mechanics and a fair level of options make F-Zero an immediate must-have for racing fans!

Fantastic! While I prefer a 'true' racing game, this futuristic version has some very cool features. The perspective used really gives the player a sense of speed and the scrolling is superb. Like a real racing game, technique is all important for the best times.

This game is awesome!! I've never enjoyed a driving game as much as I've enjoyed this cart. Great graphics make you feel like you're going 500 MPH. Incredible play control and realistic driving conditions make this one of the most addicting Super NES cart yet.

This is not just another racing game! The hair-pin turns and flying jumps are enough to make my head spin! Rounding corners was never so smooth! Mode 7 really makes a huge difference in the playability and visual excitement this game has to offer. A must for racing fans!!

Super Nintendo - Capcom Final Fight

Type: Action Release: Sept
Levels: 6 Difficulty: Ave



Haggar and Cody are two street wise heroes battling the Mad Gear gang to save Jessica, Haggar's daughter and Cody's true love. Choose from either hero and utilize their specialized attack methods to wipe out the Mad Gear gang! You may be outnumbered, but you have the courage and skill to beat them all! Your mission will take you through the This fight is a fight to the death - the Final Fight!!

Final Fight looks and feels like the arcade version on which it's based, but without the two-player cooperative it just feels something in the translation. The game play is too easy, but if you're in for a good fight with great graphics, Final Fight should fit the bill.

I just can't believe that with this super system Final Fight couldn't have been a two player game. If Sega can do it, Capcom could have also unless the game was 'ruined' just to get it out when the Super Fami was introduced. While it plays great it could have been better.

This is a good translation of the arcade hit. While most fighting games bore me, this one is pretty good. The graphics are some of the best ever seen on a home system and the sound is good too. A bit too short and easy, but good otherwise. Where's Guy? Where's Player 2?

I'm disappointed! When I first turned Final Fight on, I thought, cool, it's the best!! Then I found out that Guy, My favorite character in the arcade, was missing! The final nail in the casket was the lack of two player simultaneous play. Bad move!! Otherwise, game play and graphics are excel-

Genesis - Sega Streets of Rage

Type: Action Release: Sept
Levels: 8 Difficulty: Ave



Crime has overpowered the city, and the only hope is the team of heroes, Adam, Axel, and Blaze. These ex-cops are highly trained in boxing, martial arts, and judo, and they are out to rip the crime lord's control apart! Fight through 8 blazing levels of action, sometimes featuring 12 enemies on-screen at once!! Two-player simultaneous action is here! Combined, they have 40 attack moves and infinite fun!

Now here's a real version of Double Dragon for the Genesis. Streets of Rage blows away all other home fighting games with superb graphics, terrific interation, and more forms of attack than you can imagine! A winner in a category that has been sorely lacking on the Sega 16-Bit!

This is the way a fighting game can be made when the programmers know the system. Easily the best fighting game ever with moves that are unique. The two player version sold me on the cart and with games like this Genesis does what Ninten....

Fighting games are not my cup of tea, but this cart totally blew me away from beginning to end. The game play is so good it puts all other fighting games, including Final Fight, to shame. Tons of moves and the best thing about it is the two-player mode. Funkadelic music, dude!

Final Fight, move over!! This is the type of fighting game I've been waiting for since Fighting Street! Two players, 40 attacks, 8 levels, large bosses, and music that rivals Sonic the Hedgehog. Streets of Rage is the best fighting game around! Let's see how Street Fighter 2 turns out...

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Genesis - Sega Fantasia

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: 15 Difficulty: Ave



The Master's musical notes have been stolen and scattered throughout the Dreamworld! Take Mickey, the Master's apprentice, on a journey through multiple levels filled with numerous enemies, searching for the missing musical notes! Find the floating magic books to learn spells and wipe out the evil forces. If your magic power is too low, simply stomp on them with Mickey's familiar jump attack!

Fantasia does boast some of the best graphics and animation in a video game, but the game play of this cart is too clunky and unpredictable to be much fun. The theme is pretty one-dimensional too, so don't get into this game expecting a lot of depth. Nice for the younger set.

The music is fantastic, just like the old animated classic. The graphics likewise, are exceptional with great animations and backgrounds. However, no matter how great the game looks and sounds it has to play well. Control is efficient and detracts from an otherwise excellent soft.

The graphics are great but the game play is nothing like Castle of Illusion. The music is OK, I like the classical tunes. The animation is very spectacular, but the game play leaves so much to be desired. Too straightforward and tends to get repetitive easily.

Mickey's at it again, and the graphics are incredible! The instruments involved in the soundtrack are excellent, but the music is irritating sometimes. My main grip is the control and game play. They're horrible! I loved Castle of Illusion, but Fantasia doesn't quite measure up.

Genesis - Sega Alien Storm

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: 8 Difficulty: Mod



Prepare yourself for the most horrendous invasion of aliens to ever terrorize the Earth. They're tearing apart our cities, mutating our people, and just plain unwelcome. It's time for a little planet cleaning, three of the toughest warriors in the galaxy are here to do it! Alien Storm features two-player simultaneous action that is extremely similar to Golden Axe. Pick from three characters, each with their own attacks.

I liked the all-out frenzy that Alien Storm inspires, and the game takes on new fun when played with a friend. The only thing disappointing about this title was the lack of real challenge needed to overcome most of the obstacle. Too short when all you do is shoot, shoot, shoot!

It's good to see that Sega is beginning to make more two player games. This one is fun with two players but it unfortunately it is too easy that way. It's about right playing alone. Good graphics and control. Animations are well done and humorous at times.

It is not too hard to see glimpses of Golden Axe in this game, but there is enough originality to keep it separate. The graphics are cool and watching the animations of certain aliens is entertaining. The game is average in difficulty, but veteran gamers will walk right through it.

Obviously based on Golden Axe, Alien Storm has incredible graphics, game play exactly, and I mean exactly, like Golden Axe, and cool music sound tracks. If Golden Axe is your cup of tea, then Alien Storm is right up your alley. Be warned, though, it IS Golden Axe in the future's clothes.

Genesis - Ballistic Hardball

Type: Sport Release: Now
Levels: NA Difficulty: Easy



That's right baseball fans! It's that time of year again, and Ballistic's Hardball is here for the Genesis! All of the National and American League teams are featured in Hardball. As a pitcher choose from a variety pitches and stances, or attempt to pick off a base runner. As a batter, pick your stance and go for extra bases. Hardball's unique feature is the Batting Cage mode, allowing you to practice!

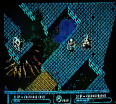
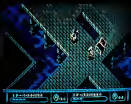
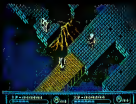
It's been awhile since Tommy was introduced, so Ballistic hits us with Hardball. Converted from the computer, Hardball plays a decent game but there aren't a lot of bells and whistles that really jazzed me. It does have its merits, however, and should please most sports fans.

Easily one of the best playing baseball games around. Great graphics and the pitcher/batter screen is exceptional. Lots of pitches to choose from and a wide variety of subtle moves and options are built in. It will take some time to really learn how the game plays.

I don't like the reversed perspective of the batter and pitcher. It totally makes batting a frustrating event. The graphics are very good and the sound is great, real voices call out the plays. Got a whole lot of options here, but a solid game of baseball. I like the batting cages.

Undoubtedly one of the most graphic baseball simulations around Hardball offers tons of variety and little to waste! The digitized are well done, and the graphics are excellent. The background music could use a little work, but that can be turned off. Not bad for a sports game.

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Nintendo - Capcom Little Mermaid

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: 6 Difficulty: Mod



Now you can take on the evil Ursula right in your own home! Help Ariel defeat Ursula and her vile merin followers. Ursula has placed a spell on the sea creatures and only Ariel can save them! Perhaps if she can end Ursula's threat forever, she may yet find true happiness with her true love, Prince Eric. Use Ariel's Bubble power to enclose enemies and knock them out of commission. Watch out for the bosses!

I've got to review this game with the right attitude, because after all, it is for little girls. Beyond the fact that the action is really toned down, there aren't a lot of bad things to say about Mermaid, other than it does get somewhat boring after awhile. Little girls should love it. I don't.

I have to give Capcom credit for going after a niche market. For that purpose, they have succeeded as it is a decent game. Serious players don't have to be alarmed about game as the title says it all! For the younger player this is a must have as it is a great nonviolent game.

A NES cart based on a romantic cartoon? Weird theme, but Capcom continues to deliver a solid game no matter what the theme. Decent graphics and sounds. Game play that is easy to grasp for younger players. A good game that is a little too easy because of its target player.

Ahhh...Finally, a true family game kids and adults of all ages and sex can enjoy! Little Mermaid has a near perfect blend of action and adventure. The music is upbeat, the graphics are good clean fun, and the theme is, of course, excellent. A must for young NES owners.

Nintendo - Arcadia Robin Hood

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: NA Difficulty: Ave



With an arrow, history was made. Based on the movie starring Kevin Costner as Robin Hood, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves is a very interactive adventure game for the Nintendo Entertainment System. The outlying story is the same. You are trapped in a Turkish prison, but you escape, only to find out that the Sheriff of Nottingham has taken control of the countryside in King Richard's absence.

I saw the movie and the best thing in it was the king and he only occupied thirty seconds of film. This game left me with an equally unsatisfied feeling, not because there was anything wrong with what I was supposed to be doing, after awhile I just realized it wasn't much fun.

Not much of an action game but it isn't supposed to be. As a quest game it will make you think and more games should be made this way. Graphics are OK but not exceptional. The quest is about the right length and rather straightforward. No real tough spots to stump the player.

The game is pretty cool in that it tries to take a variety of game play concepts and blend them with the Robin Hood theme. It's more of an RPG than an action game. The fighting scenes are very slow and have lots of flicker. I didn't see the movie, but as a game Robin Hood isn't great.

Cool! If you liked the movie, you'll love this adventure! Taken directly from the movie template, Robin Hood makes a you feel like you are actually playing the movie by following the action scene by scene! In other words, it's a tremendous translation to the home entertainment screen.

Turbografx 16 - NEC Bonk II

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: 7 Difficulty: Ave



Bonk is such a butthead! At least that's what he turns into in Bonk 2: Bonk's Revenge! All new levels and meaner enemies await in this 4 Meg TurboGrafx-16 multiscrolling action extravaganza! New, innovative powerups are here, too, as well as some nasty looking round bosses! The enemies aren't going to sit around while you bonk them, either. They have a whole arsenal of Anti-Bonk weaponry to rely on!

In Bonk's new adventure he can perform a variety of moves, but the general goals remain the same. Traverse the landscapes, hit the bosses and get powered up with meat! The controls aren't quite as responsive - due to how Bonk moves, but number 2 is really more of the same.

As a sequel Bonk is more of the first game. I loved the original and also this version. Better graphics and sounds also help accentuate the overall appeal. Bonk is just one of those characters who grows on you and with his cute animations this should be a hit for Turbo players.

Bonk 2 is a good attempt to improve on the original. The graphics have been improved, the sounds have also been enhanced, but the major flaw in this card is the game play has taken a step down. It just doesn't control as well. If you liked Bonk you might be disappointed.

Bonk at his best! Take one look at the improved graphics, and you'll love it! The famous "Bonk-spin" isn't as smooth, but the levels are incredible! This astounding achievement follows up the original with class and dignity, sporting cool tunes and smooth game play.

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Gameboy - Capcom Megaman

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: 5 Difficulty: Ave



Megaman fans rejoice! Megaman is now portable! Enjoy 5 tough levels with Capcom's favorite video hero, Megaman, as he takes on robot round bosses and utilizes their powers against his other enemies! In the tradition of the NES Megaman series, Gameboy Megaman features high powered excitement and round bosses from the original Megaman, Iceman, Bubbleman, Heatman, and Breakman.

This is the one type of game that will actually get me to pick up a GameBoy and play for hours on end. Sure, Mega Man is just like the NES version, but we get a whole new slew of challenges in a format that is portable! The graphics, sound and action of Mega Man are all top notch!

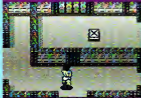
It seems that Capcom really knows how to satisfy the Mega Man lovers. The GameBoy version is spectacular. The graphics are exceptional and virtually nothing has been sacrificed by going to the small screen. The quest is long, by GameBoy standards, and best of all it is fun to play!

OK, you've actually caught me playing the GameBoy for prolonged periods of time. Honest, it's all because of this cart. This is definitely my favorite GB cart. Great graphics and sounds and the classic game play that has lost nothing in the translation. Mega Man is mega awesome!

Awesome! Truly awesome! I never thought Capcom could really pull it off, but they far exceeded my expectations!! The music is cute, and the graphics are excellent. The big surprise was the downright stupendous control of Megaman, as few Gameboy games have this.

Gameboy - Jaleco Fortified Zone

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: 5 Difficulty: Mod



Alien forces have created several fortified installations on Earth. You and your partner have been chosen to infiltrate the fortresses and destroy the alien armada from within. Each level is basically a maze of traps, enemy ambushes, and items. Find the key on each level so you can take on the boss of the level. Fortified zone also features multiple power ups, weapons, and a password option to save your game.

Fortified Zone has above-average graphics and sound to support what is really a very average game on the surface. As the action progresses, however, Fortified Zone offers a decent blend of goals that make for a satisfying one. Good game play that puts some action in the strategy!

This cart is going to be a sleeper. Not a big name behind it but the game plays better than the average action game because there is more to it. No major faults either as it controls decent and the graphics are above average. If you want something different, get this cart!

This is a pretty cool cart for GameBoy. The graphics are very good and the sound is cool too. The game play is solid and there is a lot of strategy involved. It sort of got the feeling that it was more like a maze game though. Yet another good cart for the GB.

Now this is sure to be a sleeper hit if I ever played one. Fortified Zone takes Metal Gear and makes it fun! No level is too large or too small, no enemy to strong or weak. It was truly a fun Gameboy game. How about that? I never thought I'd play two cool Gameboy games in one issue!

Lynx - Atari Pacland

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: 17+ Difficulty: Ave



Tekan from the cutesy arcade coin-op, Pacland looks right at home on the Atari Lynx. Pacman never looked better, and the ghosts come in all shapes and sizes! Follow the Pac-dude through over 17 areas in your quest for control over Pacdom. The Ghosts are the main enemies, roaming Pacland with no opposition; not until you come along though. Defeat the ghosts in a traditional manner: gobble them!

Pac-Land for the Lynx has some of the best direct graphics translations I've seen for a portable. The game is your basic Super Mario scrolling adventure that's simple enough to be enjoyable by beginners, while possessing enough hidden features to keep pros coming back.

Pac Land is one of those games that isn't spectacular but not bad either. It is mindless fun where you don't have to think or concentrate on what you're doing. It's a good version for a portable system with decent graphics and control. It kind of grows on you after a while.

Pac Land is an average cart with a couple cool features. The graphics are very colorful, and the sound is very annoying, but what else is new on Lynx. The game play is kind of sluggish, but once you get used to it you can enjoy the game. I think PacMania on Lynx would be cooler.

Not bad, but not great either. Come guys, let's see some more games like Ninja Gaiden or Gates of Zendocon! It's a good translation of a not-so-popular arcade game, so don't expect much. Average graphics, game play, and music. Not much more, not much less.

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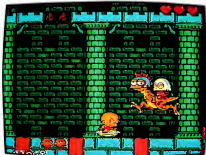


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...New 64-Bit System Announced From Atari...New CD-ROM Technologies...Sony Play Station To Debut in '92...
Super NES Release Date Announced...Nintendo Moves To Phillips...Video Game Comics To Come...

...I've torn through the wastelands of the Consumer Electronics Show and surfaced intact! Yours truly has managed to dig deep this month, kiddies, for the ultimate in gaming gossip! So let go of your sticks you Quartermaniacs and let's blow through this month's wet and wild rundown...Quarterman is getting close to losing his marbles on this one Q-fans! I worked my way behind enemy lines to pull out the first news on Atari's 16-Bit to 32-Bit Panther project, only to have the machine explode in my face when Atari nixed the program in favor of a more top-secret system! Not to fear, however, for Quarterman is here to paint you with the true picture of where things stand inside the offices of the broken 'A'. First, the Q-Mann has learned that the white shirts of Atari have scrapped the feline that was rumored to be on a par with the Super NES, in favor of a more explosive unit that will, according to the company, take us all on a bold new frontier of video gaming! Quarterman will believe it when he sees it - but in the meantime, I've put on rubber gloves to reach in even deeper into the pit of Atari to pull out some more concrete info on what this is all about. Seems our Pong pals have tied the knot with an outside developer to create a the new technology that will be driving their self-proclaimed 64-Bit system! That's right you gossip hounds, Atari is tooting their horn 64 times! Even though there are currently no such configurations being mass-produced, that doesn't stop the Tramiellan one from giving his new hardware a new name - the Jaguar...In a related story, Quarterman has tracked down leads that have led me across the globe in search of the mysterious "others" that may be working on latest cat in Atari's cradle. Rumors now indicate that the hardware may be based off of new technology being employed by Psygnosis! Representatives at the company would not confirm the story directly, but it does appear that something is brewing between our European friends...Of course you'll conform, you morons! You've never had the opportunity to do something creative enough to sell product...

...There were CDs a plenty at the recent CES in Chicago, with both NEC and Sega unveiling, albeit behind closed doors, the latest that the technology could muster up. I don't know about you, but I think it's kind of a dead issue until the bean counters can get the machines in our hands for a lot fewer beans. Anyway, Quarterman scored a direct hit with a behind-the-scenes preview of what these new machines will do and they are incredible! The NEC unit, which is self-contained, will use a technology called NID to compress video onto discs for instant access. Whoopie! Secondly, Sega's big guns will pack another 16-Bit processor in both barrels to give us scaling, rotation and other super keep features. No games are final for either technology, but the prospects do look nice...

...Nintendo made their own story at the CES by giving Sony a cold, icy one when the head honchos of Mario-land decided to use the force and choose the "other" side: Phillips! While Quarterman will refrain from calling them the big 'P', Phillips is the force behind CD (after all, they invented the thing), and their aim is to standardize the marketplace. Magnovox had a machine working at CES, and the rumor has it that Nintendo wanted to attend the same party...Sony, meanwhile, has brushed aside Nintendo's response and elected to go it their own. While Nintendo says they won't support it, Sony will nevertheless bring out their own CD-I system based around the Super NES called the Play Station. Yes, Q-fans, another game system is on the way...

...As far as "official" dates are concerned, Nintendo has committed to a September 1 launch for their 16-Bitter! With Super Mario World riding inside, the new machine will clock in at \$199, with game softs expected at just under fifty bucks...Get set for a slew of comic books based on your favorite video game characters! Quarterman has already seen Double Dragon, but rumor has it that there will be a variety of new titles each boasting the mug of a different video game super hero. After seeing what Mario could muster in his comic adventures, the Q-Mann gives this idea a big thumbs down...Hit the lights, the Q-Mann is on his way to Terminator 2 with the head ed. Harris. Looks to be a blast, although Arnold fighting Jell-O could get interesting! That's it for now!

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SEGA OF JAPAN UNVEILS MEGA-CD AT TOKYO TOY SHOW!

On June 8th, the first day of the Tokyo Toy Show, Sega of Japan formally introduced their long-awaited CD-ROM peripheral for the Mega Drive. Called the Mega-CD, the unit is scheduled to be coming out in Japan this fall and in the U.S. In the spring of 1992. While a price was not announced, EGM has learned from sources in Japan that the Mega-CD will sell for about \$370. Previous estimates had the Mega-CD selling for under \$250, however at that time, price was the major concern rather than performance. Since then Sega has shifted priorities, and with cost no longer a limiting factor, Sega set out to make a killer CD-ROM player. And that



First photo of the Japanese Mega CD in operation!

they did. They went the whole nine yards!

Not to make the same mistake that NEC did with their CD-ROM, Sega made sure that there was enough memory in the buffer to take care of any current game and any future product. NEC started with 64k then bumped that up to 2 megabit. Sega is starting with a whopping 6 megabits.

Another problem with the NEC unit is access time. One way to minimize this is to use a special (and costly) custom high speed laser pickup. New technology is available now and Sega has incorporated one of the fastest drive mechanisms around.

But the best feature of the new Mega-CD is the inclusion of a second, Mega Drive compatible, 68000 chip. Sega realized that the competition (S-NES) has scaling and rotation built into its hardware. Any type of similar 'tricks', as done in Sonic, have to be done with difficulty in the Mega Drive software. To correct this Sega built a faster (12.5 MHz. vs. 8 MHz in the Mega Drive) MC68000 chip into the CD-

ROM. Not only does it run over 50% faster but it also allows for biaxial rotation, scaling and zoom to be performed in the hardware. And, both processors can be running in parallel for ultra-fast performance.

Besides great video effects the CD-ROM can now deliver audio equal to that found in their arcade machines. Besides offering true voice and CD quality soundtracks there are 8 channels available for digital stereo PCM sounds. The Mega-CD will also play normal audio CD's, both the 3 and 5 inch sizes. Rumors have it that this unit will play the new CD+G discs but Sega would neither confirm or deny this. The CD-ROM, however, is not compatible with the new CD-i format.



The Mega CD will play all your favorite music CD's.

No matter how technically advanced a system is you need a good supply of games to play on it. Currently 27 companies are working on new software and much of it will be available early next year. The first three games to be released when the system comes out this fall are a Phantasy Star-type RPG; a Rastan-type action game and a quest game. Another half dozen games will be ready by Christmas.



The Mega-CD connects to the port on the side of the Mega Drive.

MEGA-CD SPECIFICATIONS

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NEW CD-ROM DRIVES ANNOUNCED BY NEC, SONY AND PHILLIPS

CD-ROM technology, originally pioneered by NEC, is the latest peripheral which all of the hardware manufacturers are planning to add to their game systems. Sega has their Mega-CD; Phillips/Nintendo has their CD-I player; Sony has their unit for the Super Famicom; and there even are faint whispers about a CD-ROM for the NEO-GEO. Clearly, this is the format that will be used for the games of the future.

NEC, the first to offer a CD-ROM drive is now the first to bring out several different formats, each for a different type of audience and price range.

The PC Engine is being completely



The PC Engine and CD-ROM have been combined into one unit.

redone. NEC has a new unit called the PC Engine Duo which is the PCE plus the new Super CD-ROM2 in one sleek 'wedge shaped' shell. Available also is a new fold-open monitor/TV similar in specs and concept to the ultra high performance screen found in the Turbo Express. The screen though is about 5" rather than the 2.6" on the



The new NEC Super CD-ROM2 unit attaches directly to the CoreGrafx and SuperGrafx!

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Also from NEC is a redesigned



A new ultra-high resolution monitor/TV interfaces with the PCE Duo! CoreGrafx2 and a new 'clip-on' Super CD-ROM2 player. The 'clip-on' player will also connect directly with the older CoreGrafx and SuperGrafx.

And to make everything work smoother, NEC has announced that the CD-ROM system card will be upgraded from 64 kbits to 2 Megabits. It will be called the 'Super System Card' Version 3.0. With the extra memory the CD-ROM will be able to have fewer interruptions for disc access allowing for better and smoother animated intermissions and longer game levels.

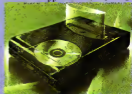
At the CES NEC demonstrated a new CD format called NID (New Interactive Display). This format, developed around international standards, provides a data compression rate of 100 to 1. With this compression rate literally hundreds of gigabits of information can now be stored on one CD. Memory intensive data such as film footage, photographs, graphics and stereo



An early prototype of NEC's NID CD-ROM

quality sound can be easily stored with room to spare. Since the data is all digital, full motion, picture in picture, multi-picture, slow motion, frame advance and windows are all possible. Up to an hour of broadcast quality video or 20,000 still photos could fit on one 5 inch CD.

The big news at CES was the announcement by Nintendo that it would not support the new CD-ROM



Sony's Play Station - A Super Famicom/CD-ROM system.

format being developed by Sony for the Super Famicom. Called Play Station, this was to be Nintendo's answer to the Sega and NEC CD-ROM units. Sony has stated that it will still do the project even without software support from Nintendo or its licensees.

Nintendo instead signed a deal with Phillips for a CD-I unit that would interface with its S-NES. The hardware is done, and work on the software has begun. Super Mario, Zelda, and Donkey Kong are some of the characters already licensed for CD-I software development. The unit should be available in the fourth quarter of 1992.



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INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

NEWS, Previews and Info From Around the Electronic Gaming World

Sega and NEC debut new CD-ROM's, hardware and software at Tokyo Toy Show!



TOKYO TOY SHOW

The U.S. has its Consumer Electronics Shows and Japan has its Toy Show. In both countries each event is the main trade show for video games. Buyers from all around the world attend each in order to decide which games they will want for the end of year holiday season.

In this multibillion dollar industry a lot is riding on these short events. Companies bring out everything their R & D divisions have been working on in order to impress the rest of the industry. This Toy Show was no exception. In fact, it was the best event in many a year as this time, besides the new software, there were major hardware introductions. Of course EGM was there with plenty of film in our cameras in order to document this very important show. In this issue we'll give you the highlights and follow up with the details in subsequent International columns.

SUPER FAMILICOM

With the Super-NES coming to America next month, most of the existing and in-development Super Famicom carts are quickly being converted to S-NES softs for the September hardware rollout. But Japan is where the majority of the games are being developed and there were a few new softs not yet on the U.S. schedule. Super Formation Soccer,

Dungeon Master, Super Tennis and Super Pro Wrestling were the best of

the new titles. Also, now that the SF is out in sufficient quantities, the third party joystick companies have started to work on new and improved controllers. ASCII has a new pad which adds auto fire to the fire buttons. HAL has a huge 'Advantage-style' stick which has virtually everything possible built in including adjustable auto

fire rates for each of the 6 buttons, slow motion and micro switches controlling the stick movement.

FAMILICOM

Even with the SF selling very well in Japan, it was apparent that the software houses weren't abandoning the older Famicom system. Easily the



Mega Man 4 for the Famicom!

best of the 8 bit softs was the fourth in the Mega Man series and our hero is back taking on a whole new batch of nasty mechanical monsters. Konami had a new overhead view vertical scrolling super shooter called Crisis Force and Namco showed a new overhead view auto

driving game.

MEGA DRIVE

The big news was the new CD-ROM drive. Containing a whopping 6 megabit of memory and an independent coprocessor which adds hardware scaling, zoom and rotation, this peripheral could update the older Mega

Drive hardware where it can now do the nice tricks found in Mode 7 on the SF.

While there weren't any really outstanding softs Sega will be doing an 8 meg version of Out Run along with a new action/RPG called Rent a Hero. Galaxy Force 2 looked hot as did the vertical scrolling shooter UndeadLine.

PC ENGINE

NEC is in process of revamping its complete line of systems. The PCE and CD-ROM are now one sleek unit. The Core Graf2 in new, as is its CD-ROM2 player which now clips on the back of the game systems. There is new software to take full use of the new 2 megabit Super System card (up from 64k) and titles include Prince of Persia and Maru's Mission 2.

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The best of the new titles include Sagala, Rastan 2 and a horse racing cartridge.



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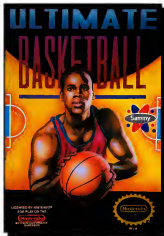
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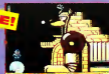
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Will Dr. Wily be back??

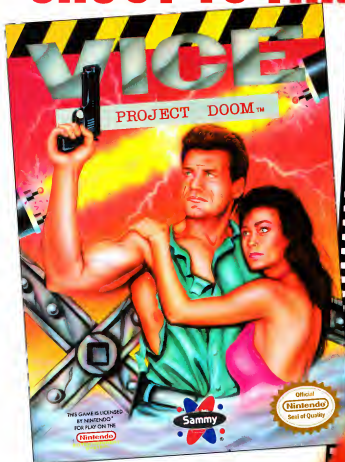


Tonkin House/ Famicom WANDERERS FROM Y'S

The spectacular PC Engine/Super Famicom adventure/quest game is being converted to the Famicom. While lacking the great soundtrack and voice, the graphics have not been severely compromised and the game plays as well as the original. With long sinuous mazes, tons of new enemies to defeat and end bosses that will challenge the best of players, Y's 3 takes adventure games to new heights!



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Irem/Famicom KID NIKI 2

Irem is bringing out the sequel to the original Data East Kid Niki that we enjoyed a few years ago on the NES. The game play is much the same as are the weapons and the horizontal above and below ground scrolling action. The quest is all new though, with new enemies and boss characters.



Namco/PC Engine HORSE RACING

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Don't necessarily break out in the lead early as your horse might run out of steam in the home stretch!

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Sega/Mega Drive OUT RUN

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PalSoft/ Mega Drive UNDEADLINE

The best Mega Drive shooter at the show comes from PalSoft. Very intense enemy action, great weapons and power-ups and spectacular graphics separate this from the rest. It's not a cakewalk either as technique plays an important part also.



CRI/Mega Drive GALAXY FORCE 2

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Sega/Mega Drive SUPER LEAGUE 91

Sega has just updated it's baseball game. The major changes are the improved graphics and better game play. Plus, more attention has been placed in refining how the computer plays it's game.



Micronet/Mega Drive AMBITION OF CAESAR

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Hudson/ SuperGrafx 1941

The best overall shooter at the show comes from Hudson and is for the SuperGrafx. Very intense enemy action, eye-popping weapons and power-ups and huge enemy bosses put this soft in a class by itself. Has to be seen to be believed.



Hudson/PC Engine STAR FIGHTER

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Taito/GameBoy SAGAlA

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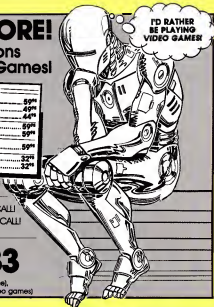
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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SUPER NES

The long wait for the Super Nintendo is almost over! Within one month the units should start appearing in the stores around the country. Hopefully the S-NES won't be a surprise to anybody as the staff here at Electronic Gaming Monthly has been actively covering the development of this spectacular system since issue number 2, back in June of 1989! The Super Famicom, its Japanese counterpart, has been wildly successful since it was released last November. Selling over 1.5 million units in less than 6 months the Super Famicom has taken Japan by storm. The main unit has undergone a variety of cosmetic changes for the U.S. marketplace. The most obvious change is the shape of the casing. A more futuristic looking design was used to make the Super NES look more like an advanced piece of equipment rather than a child's toy. The unit is accented with shades of purple. For example the buttons on the controller are no longer in 4 colors but in two shades of purple. The cartridges load into the top and the power and reset buttons are uniquely positioned in that you must push them forward rather than press down. The Super NES will officially be available in the United States in September 1991! The unit will be packaged with the blockbuster hit Super Mario World, 2 advanced controllers, a power source, and RF cables. Also available around the time of release will be approximately 16 game titles to choose from as well as a Super NES cleaning kit. The system will retail for \$199.95 and all cartridges manufactured by Nintendo will sell for \$49.95.

The Super NES Buyer's Guide



THE CONTROLS

The controller for the Super NES is a work of art. Eight buttons and a control pad are present. The four main buttons A, B, X, and Y are shaded in purple. The X and Y buttons are concave so that you won't need to look at the controller to find the right button in the middle of a game. The Left and Right buttons at the top are useful for special options in many games.



THE SYSTEM

The Super NES has by far some of the most impressive specs of any piece of consumer video game hardware. Nintendo developed the main



processor, it is a custom chip called the 65816. The system runs at 3.58 MHz, while not incredibly fast the Super NES can handle a huge amount of graphic information at one time. There are a total of 32,768 colors available and 256 can be displayed at any one time. The maximum res-

olution is 512 x 448 with a maximum of 128 sprites on the screen at one time. The audio capabilities are just as impressive due to a custom



Sony sound chip with an 8-Bit CPU and a digital processor built-in. This allows musical tracks with up to 8 layers in full stereo and phenomenal digitized sound effects. By far the most impressive feature of the



Super NES is the graphics mode known as "MODE 7." This allows the Super NES to rotate and scale a sprite without limit. The effect is clearly evident in Nintendo's hauntingly realistic flight simulator Pilotwings. Mode 7 is what makes the Super NES stand out.



Nintendo's Pilotwings

THE GAMES



The one thing that really counts on any game system is the software. What kind of game will the Super NES play? You can be sure that there are going to be plenty of good softs available when it hits the shelves. Nintendo has 63 third party licensees that are developing for the Super NES. By the time the system is released there will be over 18 hot titles on the shelves. Most



of those titles are enhanced continuations of 8-Bit titles such as Gradius 3, Super Mario World, Zelda 3, and Castlevania 4. There is also a large selection of original titles too. Actraiser, for example, pushes the Super NES to the limit in graphics and sound. There are over 40 games previewed on the next few pages, check them out for yourself.





ACTRAISER

Here is a game that not only stretches the graphics of the Super Nintendo to the limit, but also the sound as well. In fact, the orchestrations in this game are so robust and realistic, you'll wonder if there's a microchip symphony playing inside the Super Nintendo! Actraiser, by Enix, provides the strategy and planning of Populous with the in-

tense hack and slash action of Rastan. Throw in some of the most amazing scrolling and scaling techniques and you get a cart that not only pushes the standards of game play to the max, but the visual abilities of the Super NES as well. A fantastic first effort for the Nintendo 16-Bit!



STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
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SUPER BASEBALL SIMULATOR

This is the follow-up to Culture Brain's hit NES game, Baseball Simulator 1,000. Super Baseball Simulator takes off with all of the basic elements of any good baseball game, then enhances them with loads of features and a variety of special pitches and batting techniques. You can throw fireball pitches or lightning pitches to

totally blow the batters away. The batters can use special techniques like the twister to confuse the players. As a regular baseball game, you could say that Super Baseball Simulator is above average, but the addition of the Ultra League makes this an extremely fun game to play.



STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
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BIG RUN

Based on the arcade hit from Jaleco, this translation of the coin-op driver features dazzling effects and pedal to the metal racing action. Big Run takes a different approach to the driving theme because it doesn't use any of the special graphics modes for its first person effects. The most impressive part of this title is the unique manner in

which jumps and other special maneuvers are depicted. There is even a night scene in which the only part of the road that you can see is illuminated by your headlights. While the graphics tend to be a little choppy, the game has a variety of features and is a new addition to the driving theme.



STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
4	6	4	4

BOMBUZAL

Bombuzal is a unique puzzle game that requires strategy and planning in order to survive each level of challenge. Each level has a certain arrangement of bombs on a very volatile platform. One wrong move and you may be video vapor. To finish a level you must set the bombs off in the right order so that all

bombs are destroyed and you are still intact. The game can be played from either 3-D or 2-D perspective. Bombuzal is one of the first Super NES carts directed at a younger audience as well the first with a puzzle theme. Does not make good use of the Super NES hardware though.

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DARIUS TWIN

Taito brings you the latest in Super NES shooting action. Darius Twin is a blend of all the great features of Darius and Darius 2 plus enhanced power-ups and even more intense game play. A multitude of weapons are at your disposal, and you'll need every one of them to get past the humongous end bosses that await you in each round. Great

parallax scrolling is used throughout the entire game. The graphics are extremely detailed and the bosses are definitely some of the most impressive ever seen on a home video game. The game play is challenging enough for all players and the 2-player mode is a welcome feature.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
6	7	7	6

FINAL FIGHT

Final Fight from Capcom is of the most long awaited titles for the Super NES. Featuring all of the intense punch and kick action of the coin-op version, this cart has lost very little in the translation. The graphics are virtually identical, pixel for pixel and the sounds are first rate. Pick from either Cody or Haggard and go rescue

Jessica from the Mad Gear gang. You must battle your way through more than five different levels of action filled with street punks, wrestlers, and samurai swordsmen. Final Fight is a fighting extravaganza filled with loads of action and challenge from beginning to end.

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F-ZERO

Driving games have just entered a whole new dimension. F-Zero is the first driving game available for the Super NES and so far it is the most incredible driving game for any home system. The wizards at Nintendo have cooked up the most realistic driving contest ever. The use of Mode 7 is clearly what makes F-Zero the best. Each hovercraft has its own han-

dling characteristics and acceleration curve. Prepare to compete on seven futuristic courses for some really intense high speed action. Race against the clock and try to beat your best time or go against the competition. Totally addictive and totally awesome driving action.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
8	9	9	8

GRADIUS 3

The legend returns. This sequel to the greatest series of shooting games for the NES begins right where the others left off. This time the battle is even more insane. You must pilot your lone starship into the heart of the Bacterion Empire and destroy the evil Motherbrain. The odds aren't that bad though, because you

have 25 different power-ups at your disposal. Gradius 3 is filled with shoot-em-up action from beginning to end. Huge end bosses that take up the entire screen await you at the end of each level. You must blast your way through 11 levels of pure action in order to save Gradius.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
8	8	8	8





HOLE IN ONE

Hole In One Golf from HAL is the premier golf game for the Super NES. The game has a variety of features that make it one of the best golf simulations available. There is a huge selection of clubs and a full 18 holes to challenge the discriminating golf fan. Along with a great game of golf, Hole In One also takes advantage of the power of the Super NES hard-

ware. Before you play a game you get a special overhead tour of the course ala Graphics Mode 7. In some of the more intense shots you'll even get a close up of the hole. All in all the graphics, music and game play make Hole In One a standard by which all other golf games will be judged.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
8	8	8	7

PILOT WINGS

Pilot Wings from Nintendo will be one of the first titles available for the Super NES. This cart takes advantage of Mode 7 in almost every way. The scaling and rotation are so smooth in this game that those with a weak stomach may find themselves air sick. Basically this cart was made to show off what the Super NES can

really do, but with it's unique theme and incredible realism this game will become an instant classic. The 4 main styles of flying you can try are flying a biplane, hang gliding, sky diving, and jet pack. Then if you qualify you can raid the enemy camp with a helicopter to win the game.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
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POPULOUS

The popular computer game hit from Electronic Arts is being brought to the Super NES by Acclaim. You are either the good god or the ultimate baddie, trying to help your population achieve victory over the other side. As your people prosper and multiply, their increased karma give the respective deities the ability to raise and lower lands, cause

earthquakes and floods, create volcanoes and, at the highest level of karma, a great cataclysm called Armageddon (not for the faint of heart). Through it all, your respective hero roams the land, attacking the enemy and burning down their houses. There are 500 worlds of fun to conquer!

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
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SUPER DEFORMER

Super Deformer is a new action game for the Super NES. You can control one of three different robots, each with different strong and weak points. As you progress throughout the game you'll fight all types of enemies and huge end bosses. This game takes a different approach to the action theme because most of

the characters are very cute and cartoony. Battle your way through seven different worlds before making it to the lair of the main boss. While it isn't one of the most spectacular titles for the Super NES, it does have a high level of playability and a theme for younger players.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
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SIM CITY



Sim City, the popular PC hit, is coming to the Super NES from Nintendo themselves. You must construct a city from almost nothing and maintain it over a period of time. Build police and fire departments, schools, and recreational facilities to keep the citizens happy. As your city progresses you'll have to zone different areas and keep an eye on the

industrial sections. Be sure the entire city has enough energy as we wouldn't want a power failure, would we? You must keep the transportation system running smoothly and watch out for disasters such as attacks from monsters. Sounds difficult, but it's really fun and addicting.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
7	9	8	8

SUPER MARIO WORLD

Fortunately you won't have to buy this great title. Nintendo is packaging it with the Super NES. This has got to be one of the greatest games of all time. After four sequels you think that they would of run out of ideas. Each level in this game has something new, a new character, a new power-up, or a new secret to figure out.

That's pretty impressive if you consider that there are 96 levels in all! Fantastic graphics and hilarious animations accompanied by superb music and sound effects. It's a good thing that it's being packaged with the Super NES or you may have been waiting in line for this hot cart.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
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T & E GOLF

This is the second golf game that will be available for the Super NES. T&E golf is a three dimensional golf simulation that has a variety of new features and enhancements. The course is drawn with extreme detail and there are many obstacles such as sand traps and water hazards to avoid. The game play is very complex and tends to be a little

slow moving. There isn't much of a musical score and the only background effect is the occasional chirp of a bird. The game lacks any outstanding features and doesn't utilize any of the advanced hardware features of the Super NES. For the die hard golf fan only.

STEVE	ED	MARTIN	SUSHI X
4	5	4	4

ULTRAMAN

Ultraman is coming to the video game world. This is Bandai's first Super NES title and it looks like it'll be a sleeper hit. You must battle against eight different monsters who are terrorizing the land. You're not just a normal super hero though, you have the ability to increase your size to gigantic proportions. You can use a vari-

ety of special attack moves like roundkicks, uppercuts, and jumpkicks as well as defensive moves like back flips and somersaults. To finish off the monsters you must use a special laser technique. Great animation of the huge characters and great sound make this a pleasant cart.

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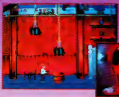
Dimension Force is a new overhead shooter for the Super NES from Asmik.

The game takes advantage of the special graphics modes of the Super NES. Very intense helicopter shooting action.



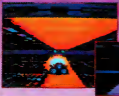
DREAM TV

This original action title for the Super NES from Trifix features an involving environment to explore and a variety of different game play options. Progress through caves, forests, and large dungeons.



HOME ALONE

Based on the hit movie, Home Alone from THQ lets you relive your favorite parts of the movie. Your parents have gone on vacation and left you home alone. You have to defend your house from thieves.



HYPER ZONE

HAL takes a different approach to the shooting theme with Hyper Zone. Hyper Zone is very similar to F-Zero utilizing the special graphics modes to produce a very intense effect. Unique and interesting.



LEGEND OF MYSTICAL NINJA

This totally original action cart from Konami has a lot of potential. It's filled with great graphics and has solid game play from beginning to end. It also features 2-player simultaneous game play.



CASTLEVANIA 4

Konami brings you the fourth installment to the Castlevania series. This looks like it's the best one yet! Incredible graphics and sound enhance the classic Castlevania game play. New weapons too.



CAVEMAN NINJA

You are Joe and Mac, two of the coolest cavemen in your time. Caveman Ninja from Data East has some of the best graphics ever seen in a home video game. Huge dinosaurs literally fill the entire screen.



SUPER GHOULS 'N' GHOSTS

This is truly one of the most amazing games on the Super NES. Mind blowing graphics, sterling sound and game play with a high level of difficulty blew us away in every way.



SUPER ADVENTURE ISLAND

Hudson is bringing the third installment of the Adventure Island series to the Super NES. Fantastic animation and soundtrack combined with great game play make this a cart to watch for.



LEMMINGS

Sunsoft brings the action of the mega popular computer game to the Super NES. You must lead a band of loyal lemmings through a land of danger and keep them from killing themselves.



PAPERBOY 2

This sequel to the classic coin-op features an all new neighborhood to explore and deliver papers to. Improved graphics and sounds plus a variety of new aspects to the game play make it even more fun.



ROBOCOP 3

The city is plagued by crime. It's going to take more than an ordinary cop to clean up the streets. Ocean is bringing Robocop to the Super NES and enhanced the familiar game play with 16-Bit graphics and sounds.



THE SIMPSONS

America's favorite cartoon is going to the Super NES. Acclaim uses the superior graphics abilities of the Super NES to bring Bart and the rest of the Simpson family to life. Incredible animation.



SMASH TV

Acclaim is bringing the nonstop action of the arcade smash to the Super NES.

The game is a carbon copy of the coin-op, the graphics and sounds are virtually identical. Great futuristic fun for two players.





SPACE MEGA FORCE

Toho's first Super NES title is a great overhead shooter with tons of action and good game play. A multitude of weapons to choose from and great multilayered graphics blended with very intense game play.



RADIO FLYER

Here's a very original game for the Super NES from the Ocean. While all we have are a few preliminary screen shots, the game may play somewhat like Pilot Wings. A very interesting and unique game.



THE CHESSMASTER

If you want to challenge your mind rather than your reflexes, The Chessmaster from Software Toolworks. Game play takes place on a highly detailed three dimensional chess board. Hours of timeless strategy.



FACEBALL 2000

Based on the GameBoy title from Bullet Proof Software, FaceBall 2000 is sort of a modern day stress reliever. You're a smiley face with a bad attitude and you must go around a maze and blast your rivals.



SHANGHAI

Mediagenic is bringing the classic puzzle game to the Super NES. You must remove all the tiles by using strategy and cognitive thinking skills. New features let you change the tiles to your liking.

SUPER R-TYPE

This is the ultimate shooter. Incredible 16-Bit graphics and sterling sound combined with strategic game play and an arsenal of awesome weapons. Irem puts the best of both R-Type 1 & 2 into one amazing cart!



SUPER BATTLE TANK

Absolute Entertainment is bringing this tank simulation to the Super NES. The graphics are first rate and the game is very complex and realistic. A good simulation based on the war in the Gulf.



WANDERERS FROM Y'S

American Sammy is bringing this popular RPG to the Super NES. The graphics are a definite improvement over all other versions. The quest is still intact and the music is great too.



FORMULA 1

This spectacular new driving game from Seta takes advantage of the Super NES's special graphics modes to bring you the most realistic racing action ever seen. Great sounds also bring the game to life.



ULTRABOTS

Data East brings the fighting action of tank warfare into a different dimension. Get into your high tech walking tank and blast your opponents. Great graphics and sound bring futuristic tank warfare to life.



DRAKKHEN

Here's a new three dimensional role playing game from Kemco Seika. Based on the popular computer title, this translation has great first person scrolling and better graphics. Hours of involving game play.



FINAL FANTASY 2

Square is releasing the follow-up to their RPG Final Fantasy. Final Fantasy 2 will feature an expanded quest with hundreds of hours of game play and other enhancements like great graphics and superb sound.



AMERICAN GLADIATORS

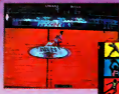
Based on the popular TV show, this cart brings all of the action home on the Super NES. Events include the Eliminator, Joust, the Assault, The Wall, Powerball, and the Human Cannonball.



BILL LAMBEER'S COMBAT BASKETBALL

Hudson is entering the sports theme with a futuristic contest of agility and reflexes. Fast paced action takes basketball into a new dimension on the Super NES.





LAKERS VS. CELTICS

Electronic Arts is determined to capture the power of the Super NES to make the most realistic sports titles ever. This translation of their great basketball game has improved animation and game play.



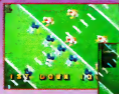
NOLAN RYAN BASEBALL

Romstar is releasing a baseball game filled with great game play and special cinema displays to heat up the action. A variety of other options are thrown in to give you one of the best baseball games around.



PGA TOUR GOLF

Also on EA's line up is a revamped version of PGA Tour Golf. This enhanced version features a cool new concept called Ball Cam in which you get the ball's perspective of the green after you make a hit.



SUPER NES PLAY ACTION FOOTBALL

Nintendo is bringing a 16-Bit version of their popular 4-player NES title to the Super NES. Improved graphics and game play as well as more plays make this one of the best football games on the market.



WWF SUPERSTARS

Acclaim brings you all the realism of the World Wrestling Federation with 16-Bit graphics and sounds. Features popular wrestlers like Hulk Hogan, The Ultimate Warrior, Mr. Perfect, and many others.



JOHN MADDEN FOOTBALL

Electronic Arts is bringing the ultimate football game to the ultimate video game system. Smoother scaling along with better graphics and sounds enhance the already classic game play.



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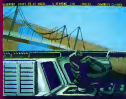
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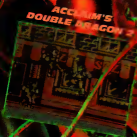
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PORTABLE SCREENS



THE YEAR OF THE SEQUEL!!

The years 1989 and 1990 saw the rise of incredible popular GameBoy hits like Double Dragon, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Nemesis, and Robocop. Now, as we rush headlong into the nineties, sequels are beginning to flood the market. Sequel titles are popping up everywhere, and very few original hits are to be found. Double Dragon 2, TMNT 2, Nemesis 2, and Robocop 2 are just a few titles scheduled for a fall release, with more on the way.

Not only are GameBoy titles being rehashed, but even some smash NES games are being converted to the portable format, disguised as sequels. *Metroid 2: The Return of Samus* is a classic example. Even though the game claims to be a sequel, the overall game play and powerups are identical.

Some super-power hits are good enough to stand alone, like the upcoming *Castlevania* series for the GameBoy. *Castlevania 2* proves to be worthy of its heritage!



Final Fantasy II and Double Dragon II

The game control, graphics, game play, and soundtracks are drastically improved over the previous title, showing that not all sequels are boring and unimaginative. Along the same lines, *Double Dragon 2* is a true sequel, bearing all new moves, graphics, and soundtracks.

Of course, most of the entertaining titles on the way are either sequels or NES to GameBoy conversions. *The Simpsons* is one such conversion. The *Simpsons* for the NES is based on alien mutants trying to conquer Earth while *The Simpsons* for the GameBoy is based on the evil Summer camp. The graphics and game play are alike, but the plots are completely different. *Choplifter 2* is coming soon, but it sports game play, graphics, sounds, and levels almost identical to the original.

Some other titles to appear soon include: *Battleloads*, *Bombeman*, and *Bo Jackson's 2 in 1*. One noticeable trend in portable gaming is the conversion of popular movie titles to the on-the-move format.

Hudson Hawk, *Home Alone*, *Rocketeer*, *Robocop (1 and 2)*, and *The Terminator* are all big buck films with big buck contracts for their title rights. So far, the entry into the video game field hasn't been very successful. Perhaps after seeing the downfall of previous titles on the NES, Genesis, and TurboGrafx, licensees may learn that big names don't necessarily make big games. Some titles have suffered due to a lack of planning and organization. A game based on a box office hit should reflect the time and effort of the film.

As of this date, licensees for the Lynx and Game Gear are not in a hurry to add movie titles to their list of portable fun. Nintendo has a virtual monopoly on these games, and they are feeling both the benefits and ramifications of "movie games." Thus far, Game Gear titles are strictly limited to Sega Master System games, while Atari continues to develop their own software, ranging from original concepts to a few coin-op translations like *Ninja Gaiden* and *Pacland*.

Also, neither of these two superior systems has cranked out sequels to their smash hit games. No word exists on a *Chip's Challenge II* or *Blue Lightning II*. Game Gear seems to be heading down a steady path of rehashed SMS games, but original titles aren't far behind. The Turbo Express faces a similar dilemma: no original titles. Well, the nineties are still young, and the future promises a large treat for us all.



Metroid II: The Return of Samus

FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: Konami
Machine: GameBoy
Cartridge Size: 512k
Number of Levels: 5
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Average
Number of Players: 1
Available: August

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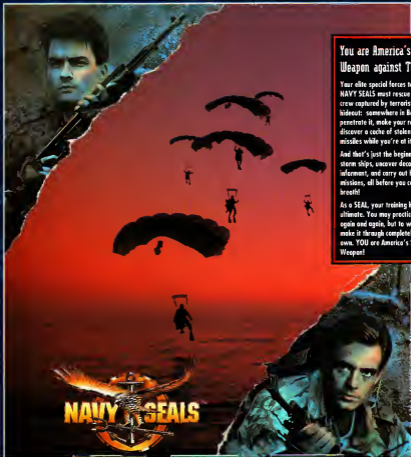


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Dracula has been trying to be reborn ever since his castle was destroyed as a result of his battle with Christopher. Fifteen years later a ceremony is held honoring Soleiyu, the son of Christopher, who will be the next vampire hunter. Dracula has been waiting for this time because in order to return to Earth, he must use the power of Soleiyu. The next day four castles appear while Soleiyu disappears into the fog. Now a new battle must begin...

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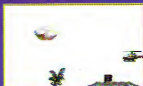
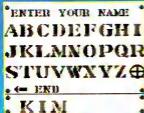
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Manufacturer: JVC
Machine: GameBoy
Cartridge Size: 512K
Number of Levels: NA
Theme: Shooter
Difficulty: Moderate
Number of Players: 1
Available: August



PREPARE FOR LIFT OFF!!

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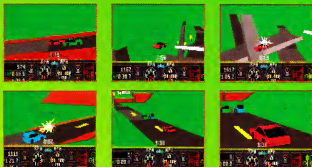
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Cartridge Size: 1 Meg
Number of Levels: 1
Theme: Racing
Difficulty: Average
Number of Players: 1
Available: August



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AEROSTAR VIC TOKAI

Aerostar is different from most shooting games in that the player must try to reclaim the Earth from alien forces that have taken control in the absence of humans.



BO JACKSON'S 2-IN-1 THQ

Like the famous athlete, this Gameboy cartridge allows the player to participate in both baseball and football. The baseball game is 3D and the football is overhead.



CYCLE GRAND PRIX IREM

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FINAL FANTASY LEGEND II SQUARE SOFT

The *Final Fantasy* story also continues on the NES with Square Soft's release of *Final Fantasy Legend II*. Square Soft plans to release both a hint book and comic.



DOUBLE DRAGON II ACCLAIM



The second installment of this *Double Dragon* series more than lives up to its reputation. Superb control, graphics, and sound!!



FACEBALL 2000 BULLETPROOF

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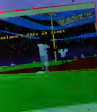
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HOME ALONE THQ

The movie was great! Don't you wish you could play it at home? Well, now you can, on the GameBoy!! Keep the robbers at bay with your cunning and wit.



HUDSON HAWK SONY IMAGESOFT

Another movie title has been converted into the portable format! Find a way into the museum and steal the precious artifacts within! Watch out for dogs!



ISHIDO ACCOLADE

Ishido finally hits the Gameboy screen! Perhaps even more enjoyable on the go, *Ishido* uses a gameboard that you must fill with tiles of different styles and colors.



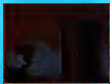
LUNAR CHASE NINTENDO

Another 3D shooter in the tradition of the coinop *Star Wars*, you must guide your ship in a first perspective and pilot a maze to reach your objective.



METROID II NINTENDO

The long awaited sequel to the blockbuster Nintendo Entertainment System cartridge is here, but this time, on the GameBoy screen. All new enemies and obstacles await!!



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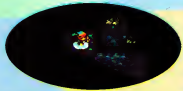
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Link must travel through a whole new adventure filled with hazards. Link not only has to battle many varieties of monsters lurking about Hyrule, he also has to deal with the forces of nature.



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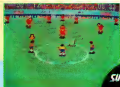
4 MEG

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FOURTH QUARTER 1991

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Max Out Your Lives - You can max out your lives in many different places in this great game. Here's the easiest one we've found. Play up to level 1-2. Once on this level you must get the 1-UP on top of the loop to loop. Get the invincible stars and jump over the lamp post. Collect over 100 rings for an additional 1-UP and then throw yourself onto the spikes. When you start your next life you will be able to repeat this all over again. Repeat until you have as many lives as you want!



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DUNGEON EXPLORER

(NEC/TurboGrafx-16)

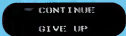
Special Code for Mighty Warlock - If you would like to have an extremely strong character from the beginning of the game use the code COEAM MODAO. You will become a Warlock at the 17th level and should be able to fly right through the game now.



LAST ALERT

(NEC/TurboGrafx-16 CD-ROM)

Super Power Up Trick - There is a way to get a maximum level character very early in the game. First you must play through the game up to level 3. Once you are in the scene where the stealth fighter is taking off, start destroying as many jeeps and armored vehicles as you can. Keep doing this until your time runs out and then continue. With each experience level you gain, use the more powerful weapons to increase the number of points gained each time you continue.



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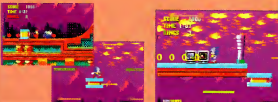
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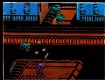
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SUPER NINTENDO

As expected, the S-NES made it's formal debut at the SCES. It, will sell for \$199 and Super Mario



The S-NES is one month away!

World is in the package. Nintendo says the S-NES should start appearing in the stores sometime in September.

But as good as the hardware is (and it is!) it's the software which will determine if the system will sell. Nintendo is doing everything it can to get as many games out this year. Unfortunately since there is a learning curve in programming for any new system, quite a few



Sega's new Mega-CD-ROM is capable of rotation, scaling and zoom!



keep the 30 million owners happy for quite a while. Great sequels are on their way. Batman 2, Ninja Gaiden 3, Mega Man 4, Wizards and Warriors 3 and Contra Force are but a few. Original titles include Star Wars, Bio Force Ape and Over Horizon.

GENESIS

Sega really came out swinging as they had a side-by-side comparison between Sonic and Mario 4. Mario did not look very impressive in this light! Sega had other great softs. Mercs, Golden Axe 2 and Quack Shot were exceptional as was Rolling Thunder 2, Turrican and Vapor Trail. But the best was not even on the show floor. Sega had their long awaited CD-ROM player (Mega-CD) tucked away in a back room. It wasn't running but it was there to look at (it wasn't until the Tokyo Toy Show when we could get a hands-on-test).

TURBOGRAFX-16

NEC's major software release was the great sequel to Bonk. Also shown were portions of their new CD-ROM games - Lords of the Rising Sun, It Came from the Desert and the Addams Family. Their multiplayer sports series had Kick Boxing, Champions Forever Boxing and Davis Cup Tennis. On the hardware front, NEC had a demonstration of their new NID CD data compression technology. They are now able to pack in 100 times the info than before. Seventy two minutes of full screen, full motion video are now possible! Their new CD-ROM2, PC Engine Duo, or 2 megabit Super System Card were nowhere to be seen but in Japan, they were the hit of the Toy Show!

games that we saw at the show could just as easily have been done on the older NES. But there were a lot of good games. Super Ghouls and Ghosts and Super R-Type were phenomenal! F-Zero and Pilotwings really demonstrated the abilities of the S-NES. And Final Fantasy 2 took RPG's to a new level of excellence. Familiar names are coming back in much improved form on the new system. Look for titles like: Castlevania 4, Super Adventure Island, Gadius 3, The Simpsons, Smash TV, and Sim City. Check out our 16 page buyers guide starting on page 59 for a complete description of the system and games!



Sunsoft is bringing Batman back in Return of the Joker for the NES!
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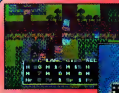
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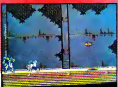
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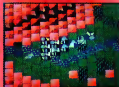
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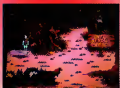
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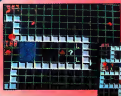
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Hey cowboy fans, here comes one game for NES players that's really good old western fun. Journey through towns and search the land for deadly ranch rustlers.



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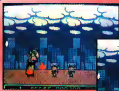
Like wild and weird lands? Then just pop in this cart and kick back. Crazy Land boasts incredibly ridiculous lands with some strangely weird beasts. A cart worth a good look at.



BIG NOSE Camerica

Like nosing around in the bad guy's business? In this game you can, in a BIG way. You and your snnoz have to sniff out an enemy infested island to rid the land of the intruders.





HAMMERIN' HARRY

Irem America Corp.

Based on the smash arcade hit, Hammerin' Harry pits you against an evil construction boss trying to take over the city. Have Harry use his hammer to smash the bad guys.



ELIMINATOR BOAT DUEL

ElectroBrain

Take to the water in this high speed action cart. Race against the your opponents and go for the prize, if you win it you get to keep your life.



SUPER REAL GOLF GRAND SLAM

Altus

You have complete control to choose the grip, the stance, the club and the type of shot. This game is for 1 to 4 players.



GODZILLA 2

Toho

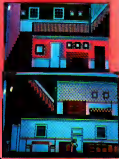
This is the sequel to the popular NES title. Godzilla must save the world from invading space aliens.



HOME ALONE

THQ

Based on the popular movie, this is your chance to save the house from burglars. Help Kevin set traps and thwart the con men attempting to rob the house.





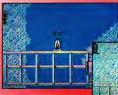
HOOK Sony Imagesoft

Sony Imagesoft is going to create a video game around the upcoming movie. Little was available for review at the CES but Hook is expected to be a side scrolling action game.



TINY TOON ADVENTURES Konami

Cartoon characters come to life in this new action game. Collect keys from Monty's mansion and rescue Babs. Six levels include hidden rooms and varied backgrounds.



PARADISE ISLAND NTVIC

Hop into your hydrofoil and race against several computer opponents. The courses are varied and involve more than flat out speed. Finish in the top three to be able to move on to the next race.



ULTIMATE AIR COMBAT Activision

Take off into the wild blue yonder in your state-of-the-art jet fighter, as the enemy has invaded and you must protect the skies. Track the bogies on your radar and lock on to them for a kill.



WHERE'S WALDO? THQ

The popular mind puzzle game is coming to the NES. Find Waldo among dozens of other similar looking people as you race against the clock. Variable difficulty settings.

KUNG FU 2 Irem

Head out into the dark and dangerous streets of the city. Use your kung-fu skills to protect yourself from the onslaught of enemies who are out to finish you off.



TROG Acclaim

The cute arcade game of the same name is being translated for play on the NES. Avoid the cavemen as you progress through the maze on the screen. Fun for players of all ages.





WHERE IN TIME IS CARMEN SANDIEGO Konami

The popular computer game is coming to the NES. Besides being fun tracking down the criminals, the game is also educational. Learn history and geography while you play.



ROGER CLEMENS MVP BASEBALL LJN

Batter up! Get ready for some of the most realistic baseball action ever to come to the NES. Great graphics, good player control and a realistic simulation of the sport!

MATCHBOX LIGHTNING Matchbox Toys

The well known die-cast mini cars are now on the NES. Race around different tracks trying to stay in the top 3 finishers.



BUCKY OHARE Konami

Become a new super hero in this cute and comical action game.



GUN NAC Nexoft

Nexoft has one of the best outer space shooters for the NES at the CES. Featuring a wide variety of weapons and power-ups, this cart will prove to me more than a match for even the best of players.



TURBO CHAMP

ADDAM'S FAMILY NEC



The movie is coming in December as will the great CD action game. Loads of digitized graphics and special effects will make this one of NEC's finest.

NIGHT CREATURES NEC

Play the part of various animals as you explore the countryside. Avoid the hungry wild animals who are out looking for a free meal.



IMPOSSAMOLE NEC



Impossamole is a new side view, horizontal scrolling action adventure cartridge game from NEC. Play the part of a friendly mole as you search above and below ground for treasures.

IT CAME FROM THE DESERT NEC



Combine real actors with a graphic adventure game and put it on a high memory CD and you will have one of the most innovative games ever created.

BOMBERMAN 2 NEC

The sequel to the original Bomberman is coming on card for the Turbo. Similar in concept to the first but with new mazes that offer more challenge.



LORDS OF THE RISING SUN NEC



Another CD-ROM game from NEC, but this time it is a military simulation of immense proportions. Protect your bases while attacking the enemy encampments.

NEO·GEO

LEAGUE BOWLING SNK



Bowling has never been so much fun! With memory size not a factor, more attention can be paid to the little details that make the difference between a good and a great game!

GHOST PILOTS SNK

One of the most intense vertical scrolling shooters ever!



LEGEND OF SUCCESS JOE SNK

Yet another good arcade-home game from SNK. Put on your gloves for some of the best boxing ever.



SEN GO KU SNK

One of SNK's best action games yet. Huge bosses and constant action will challenge you every step of the way!



OUTPOST GENESIS



GOLDEN AXE 2 Sega

As good as the first game was, the sequel is that much better. With smoother animation, better game play and graphically intense magic spells, GA2 will be one of the hottest Genesis softs this fall!



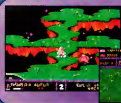
MARVEL LAND Namco

Looks are very deceiving with this cart. While appearing like a 'cute' game, this soft requires great technique to master the different levels. Definitely worth trying!



ROLLING THUNDER 2 Namco

Just barely in the arcades and Namco is already programming a home version. Easily one of the best playing games at the show and promises to be a hot cart this winter!



TOEJAM AND EARL Sega

Sega is betting the farm on this title. Sonic it isn't, but it is a quest that you can play over and over without repetition. Search through multi levels looking for the 10 pieces of your ship.

QUACK SHOT Sega

Hot on the heels of Mickey comes Donald Duck! The same attention to detail is built into this soft. Very smooth animation, great graphics and a 'fun' quest!



MERCS Sega

One of the most action intensive shooters in the Sega booth. Lots of weapons and power-ups. Extremely huge bosses to blow away. If you survive to the end of the level!





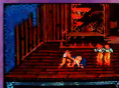
BEAST WARRIOR Renovation

Wrestle War! It isn't, but it is an alien-type wrestling game. Choose your beast and take on the best in the galaxy. Some unique moves make this a good game.



GROWL Taito

A new martial arts game, of the Double Dragon genre, from Taito featuring new and innovative moves.



MARIO LEMIEUX ICE HOCKEY Sega

Sega billed this one as "Now play Super Mario on the Genesis." Jokes aside, this is a very good, and fast moving hockey game. Great close-ups!



MASTER OF MONSTERS SAGES CREATION

A strategy/RPG game using the 'hexagon-type' grid battlefield. Zooms to side view for fighting scenes.



PIT FIGHTER Tengen

Progress is slowly being made in getting digitized fighters to animate smoothly in a cartridge game. Still a demo but looks good!



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RINGS OF POWER

Electronic Arts

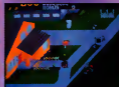
Electronic Arts is readying a new quest type game drawn in a 3/4 overhead diagonal view that gives a pseudo 3-D perspective. Search for the missing rings of power.



PAPERBOY

Tengen

Hop on your bike and hit the sidewalks in order to get all your papers delivered to your customers. Watch out for dogs, cars and wild lawnmowers as you ride down your route.



SHADOW OF THE BEAST

Electronic Arts

The popular computer game is coming to the Genesis. Battle with huge beasts as you progress through your quest. One of the best computer conversions to date!



VAPOR TRAIL

Renovation

The spectacular Data East arcade game is being done by Renovation for the Genesis. Constant action, tremendous firepower make this one of the best shooters yet.



ROAD BLASTERS

Tengen

The futuristic racing/shooting coin-op is being converted to the Genesis by Tengen. Smooth scaling and good control make this cart one of the best racing games around.



RAMPART

Tengen

Tengen grabbed the rights to this popular Atari Corp. coin-op and they have succeeded in duplicating the feel and play of the arcade game. A good 2 player game too!

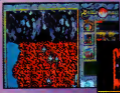


SLIME WORLD

Treco

Best known as an Atari Lynx title, Treco is thinking about sprucing it up, lengthening it, and bringing it out as a Genesis soft. Looks good and plays well to boot!





BATTLE MASTER Electronic Arts

Another computer conversion from Electronic Arts. Assemble your party and head out on your quest. Look for armor and weapon upgrades to help you win the battles.



VALIS SYD Renovation

One of the older PC Engine versions of the popular Valis series is now coming to the Genesis. While not as sophisticated as the newer Valis 3, this version still has the action which made the series popular.



BLUE ALMANAC Sages Creation

A new quest/adventure game that combines the challenge of a Vermillion with the battle scenes of a Phantasy Star. Power-up in the cities to prepare for the battles in the country.



TASK FORCE HARRIER EX Tresco

One of the best vertical scrolling shooters to come along in quite a while. Offers a wide variety of weapons and power-ups. Challenging game play that isn't too easy.



VASUM Tresco

Also known as Dando, this quest/adventure game has been coming for about a year. It's ready now and it was worth the wait! It's a longer than average quest that's not too easy to solve.



Death Duel Razorsoft

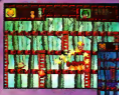
It's a first person perspective shooter that is different from any other game made. In the Razorsoft tradition, Death Duel promises to offer more realism to a typical shooter.



EL VIENTO Renovation

Renovation has a new side scroller which looks and plays very much like the newer games in the Valis series. Good moves and challenging game play.





THE BERLIN WALL Kaneko

Similar in game design to the old Space Panic for the Colecovision, this version has you and a friend running up and down ladders. With your hammer smash the enemy in your way.



BUCK ROGERS Electronic Arts

Play the part of the popular superhero as you patrol the outer limits of our galaxy. Blow away any enemy who challenge you because it's kill or be killed!



CROSSFIRE Kyugo

Known as Super Ainvolf in Japan, this overhead view, vertical scrolling shooter packs constant enemy action in this 4 meg package. Good graphics and smooth scrolling.



DECAPATTACK Sega

Sega went to Japan and converted their Magical Hats cart into something that the U.S. would like. And they succeeded! Decap. is a humorous quest/adventure for all ages.



PAT RILEY BASKETBALL Sega

It was popular on the Genesis and Sega has detuned it a bit to work on the Master System. Featuring good close-up slam dunks and fast 2 player action.

OUT RUN Sega

The popular arcade game is being shrunk down to fit in the Game Gear! Great racing action on the go! Race the clock to make it to your next checkpoint before time runs out.



POPULOUS Sega

Pretend that you are able to control the lives and destiny of all the inhabitants of a whole continent. Hundreds of different scenarios offer a wide variety of simulations.



THE GUARDIAN ANGELS



THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

Navision

This game was shown as a two screen demo only. Neither the game play nor the graphics were ready in time for the CES. It could be a good storyline for a martial arts soft.



MASTER POPULOUS

Sega

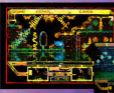
This popular computer game has been translated for almost every system known to man. The Master System is no exception and here it is! It still is just Populous though.



Quad Challenge

Namco

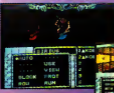
Hop on your ATV and get ready for some high flying, fast moving racing. Play solo or against a friend. With the split screen each can watch his own screen!



THE KILLING GAME SHOW

Electronic Arts

Based on the computer game of the same name, Electronic Arts is now bringing out a Genesis version. Good action with better than average graphics.



MIGHT AND MAGIC

Electronic Arts

Again, Electronic Arts went to their vast reservoir of computer games and made a near carbon copy of the popular Might and Magic disk based software.

RBI 3

Tengen

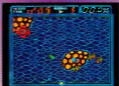
The third in the popular RBI series is on its way for the Genesis system this fall. Better graphics, more features and good player control are improvements in the newest version.



SUPER QIX

Taito

Taito is bringing a revamped version of their arcade classic Qix to the Genesis. Featuring great graphics and cool backgrounds, Super Qix also has a variety of power-ups.



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ARCADE NINTENDO GENESIS TURBO SEGA

Game

Score

Abeok	655,356
After Burner	14,326,970
Red Dudes	999,999
Beltan	6,662,558
Band Fighter	15,342,420
Centre	6,663,664
Double Dragon	603,668
Double Dragon 2	461,680
Goalie	11,111,110
Guerrilla War	216,403
Kanoe	634,668
Marble Madness	147,710
Mega Man	6,999,500
Mean Gear 2	700,664
Paperboy	561,360
P.O.W.	311,660
Red Racer	62,408
Rampage	42,005,000
Road Warriors	660,999
Holding Thunder	178,360
Sly Snek	1,643,570
Star Soldier	6,666,666
Super C	6,999,500
Super Mario Bros. 2	6,666,666
Twins	784,637
TMNT	6,999,500
Wizard and Warriors	662,999

Player

Kelly McKenzie
Jeff Yonan
Stephen Krogman
Jeff Ameyinger
Kelly McKenzie
Josh Wester
Chad Head
Jason Turko
David Wright
Stefan Zarzycki
Ralph Mendes
Jason Turko
Jeff Adkins
Sergio Strager
Glen Stockwell
David Wright
David Wright
Stephen Krogman
High Bergehoft
Edouard Charbonneau
Jeff Yonan
Kelly McKenzie
David Wright
Sergio Strager
Royce Cannon
Chris Mygard
Jeff Adkins

Game

Score

After Burner	15,072,500
After Burner	234,400
Double Dragon	693,378
Missile Defense 3-D	669,668
Out Run	66,626,340
Rampage	795,468
Roadie	21,126,300
R-Type	1,126,666
Shinobi	1,165,736
Space Harrier	26,267,070
Thunder State	3,664,666
Test Soldiers	7,437,700

Player

Christopher Biss
Alex Stamos
Brian Goddard
Jon Tadder
Don Lee
Gerald Brokary
Christopher Sims
Diran Goddard
Todd Buehler
Don Lee
Bob McGuire
Rob Segments

Game

Score

Alan Crush	66,000,000
Blasting Laser	66,000,000
Beak's Adventure	669,668
Cyber Core	669,668
Don's Crush	999,999,999
Dragon Spirit	623,676
Fantasy Zone	66,265,100
Fighting Street	647,668
J.J. & Jeff	16,176,666
Monster Lair	393,500
Side Arms	6,366,400
Victory Run	16 mts. 06.13 sec

Player

Barry Bowman
Dele Scordino
Chris Mygard
Jim Helvie
Jim Pelek
Reedy Lenz
Brandon Flak
Sergio Strager
Chris Carrera
Terence Michard
Jim Helvie
Stephen Shelton

Game

Score

After Burner 2	26,677,640
After Burner	4,602,500
Air Diner	76,623,600
Columns	66,666,666
Conse	10,663,300
Forgotten Worlds	1,604,100
Ghostbusters	10,362,600
Grubs & Gorts	1,665,300
Revenge of Shinobi	12,627,668
Target Area	76,172,540
Thunderforce 2	6,776,300
Truxton	3,201,000

Player

Tony Desilvey
Lee Vontacher
Steve Swetz
Keith Darforth
Jeff Yonan
Tony Desilvey
Kurt Schaal
Tawie MacPherson
Steve Swetz
Handy Lewis
Todd Donley
Tony Desilvey

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